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City slips from first to sixth in annual Youthful Cities rankings. See the full list in metronews

Parking in the bike lane

ROADS

City issued permits for 30 vehicles on Richmond

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

It's not a bike lane. It's a parking lot.

That's what cyclists found this week when the Richmond Street bike lane was blocked because Bell Media was granted permission to use it as temporary parking Tuesday and Wednesday behind its building west of Simcoe Street.

The company was given permits for 30 vehicles to park on the lane for a week because it is holding a FIFA Women's World Cup Trophy Tour "Fan Experience Event" in its parking lot on Queen West on Thursday and Friday, displacing the vehicles that normally park there.

Stephen Job, who works in the area, saw the vehicles on the cycle track and tweeted about it, getting the attention of other cyclists, media and the local councillor.

He said didn't think the private company's parking needs should have allowed it to get a filming permit for a public right-of-way.

"These are not big production vehicles for a Hollywood film; this is a CP24 camera van, some guy's minivan and Bell Media- or MUCH-branded Ford Escape," he said.

Coun. Joe Cressy worked with the city to get the vehicles moved, and Bell Media apologized for the disruption.

"We should not issue permits that block cycle tracks unless it's absolutely necessary," Cressy said.

"Cyclists and commuters should not be risking their safety and veering into traffic because of film permits."

Cressy plans to pursue the issue with council, to make sure all construction and film permits include a plan to accommodate cyclists.

> **Every cyclist who's taking that road has to look over their shoulder, merge into traffic ... and hope that they don't get hit by a truck.** Stephen Job

While Cressy said Bell Media was never allowed to park there in the first place, the city department that granted the permit disagrees with him.

"Yup they were, we authorized it," said city film manager Eric Jensen. "It was necessary to facilitate the ongoing operation of Bell Media."

Jensen said there was nowhere else other than the cycle track for the vehicles to park.

Initially, city staff had a discussion with the police about using the lane of traffic adjacent to the bike lane instead, but the police deemed that "more unsafe," he said.

"On 90 per cent of the other roads in the city, cyclists and motorists use a shared lane," said Jensen. "There is an expectation that everyone will operate safely whether a bike lane is present on a road or not."

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Pope wants equal pay for women. **Business**

New police chief defends carding

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mark Saunders says his officers will know what to do and why

New Toronto Police Chief Mark Saunders defended "carding" on Wednesday as being "very important" in the context of gathering vital intelligence to eliminate Toronto's street-gang culture and said ending the controversial practice was not the way forward.

"Abolishing it is not the way in which we are going to say 'Everything is going to be better,'" Saunders told reporters after his first public appearance as the city's top cop.

"If we remove the ability of our officers to engage with the community, all I can tell you is that will put us in a situation where there will be an increase of crime."

What Saunders is open to abolishing, he said, is "random" stops by police, saying that improved training was among the changes he would make to ensure officers "know what they're doing and why they're doing it."

"That's where the social cost comes in. If you truly don't know what you're doing and why you're in that environment, and you're recording it, then we need to sit down and fix that. 'Random' is not a word we should be using in the policing lexicon," he said.

New Chief Mark Saunders addresses the Second African Canadian Summit.
RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Saunders spoke a lot about the importance of words in brief remarks to those gathered at the Second African Canadian Summit, a crowd that proved both welcoming and wary of the city's first black chief.

You can take him on his, he assured, but he wants Toronto to know he's ultimately going to be about action.

Just four days into the job, the newly minted chief expanded — if marginally — on his policing plan in Toronto.

> **'Random' is not a word we should be using in the policing lexicon.**
> Chief Mark Saunders

Saunders was grilled on the issue of racial bias in policing and "carding" — stopping and documenting members of the public not suspected of a crime, a practice that disproportionately affects young black men.

Saunders acknowledged misspeaking during a news conference last week, when he referred to the adverse consequences of carding as "collateral damage."

"The proper term should be the 'social cost,'" Saunders said. "The social cost in which members of the community do not feel that they are being treated with dignity and respect."

The new chief was also challenged on another of his terms: "community safety," which he has said cannot be compromised in the context of carding.

"One of the things we've found is the word 'community safety' is a code word for over-policing," said Margaret Parsons, executive director of the African Canadian Legal Clinic. "Our community has been over-policed to death, and it's time for change and you are the face of change."

Saunders responded by saying he would not be caught in "word play" and said the focus instead needs to be on police understanding their role in the community.

"If we wordsmith this to death, here we are playing semantics, I'm not interested in that," he said afterward.

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ART ONE LAST LOOK Carly Gordon, a graduate student in OCAD's drawing and painting program, takes a final look at her piece titled I'm Not in Love with You Anymore before it's displayed to the public on Wednesday. The work is part of an annual graduate student exhibition at the school that's marking 100 years. The display is open through Sunday. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

COURTS

Man leaps to freedom ... briefly

A man appearing in an Old City Hall courtroom Wednesday afternoon on minor theft charges broke a window of a first-floor courtroom and dived out, falling six metres and running east on Queen Street in a bid to escape.

He was apprehended by police minutes later.

Alex Petropolous, 20, was walking toward the Eaton Centre when he saw the man leap from the window.

"He just dove out and just ran there," Petropolous said, as a crowd grew in front of the courthouse. "Wow."

The court clerk in the courtroom said court had adjourned for the day, the judge had left and three accused were being taken back to the cells.

As he was being handcuffed, Jonnathan Wilmott, 30, leapt out of the prisoner's box, ran behind the judge's dais and tried to break open a window. That failed, but he managed to break a second window at the back of the courtroom with his elbow, and leapt out head-first.

He appeared to have cut his arm on the glass and his white T-shirt was bloodstained when he was arrested.

The courtroom clerk said Wilmott made no movement towards the few people in the courtroom and it doesn't appear the incident raises safety concerns.

"In no way did he threaten us. He just ran. Didn't say a word," the clerk said.

Though prisoners sometimes get out of the dock, this is the first he has heard of someone escaping from a window.

Wilmott faces several recent minor theft and breach of probation charges including allegedly stealing from the LCBO and Parkdale Pharmacy.

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5 MUST-SEES OF SCOTIABANK CONTACT PHOTOGRAPHY FEST

The Scotiabank Contact Photography Festival debuts tomorrow with an explosion of visual exhibits colouring more than 175 venues throughout Toronto and the GTA. With so many events to choose from this May, Metro Toronto's photographer Liz Beddall narrows down her five must-attend exhibits, curated with her love of storytelling, unique processing and 'the out of the ordinary' in mind.

1 The Beth Project

Photographer and digital artist Blake Morrow's series of pop culture-inspired portraits of his friend Beth, celebrates, in a playful way, her significant weight loss of 150 pounds. Morrow photographed Beth posing as two characters, her 'before' and 'after' selves two years apart, and seamlessly integrated them so they appear to interact with each other within each scene.
Blake Morrow
Vistek Downtown

2 The Mind's Eye: Photographers Living with Vision Loss

This exhibition showcases a passion for photography, which does not fade even when sight does. Examining the question of what your process might be as a photographer if you couldn't rely on your sight, the gallery showcases the amazing vision of artists with vision loss at CNIB's first exhibit for the Contact Photography Festival.
Various photographers
CNIB Centre

3 Broken Steps and Haunted Screens

Although none of the photos displayed in this two-part exhibition were taken with the intention of creating fine art, contemporary artists have long been influenced by the concept of vernacular photography. The first part of the exhibition offers several coherent groupings of pictures, such as mugshots, insurance evidence, amateur self-portraits, psychic research and UFO sightings. The second presents the work of Penelope Umbrico, who uses photographic imagery downloaded from the internet and employs traditional photographic techniques and methods of appropriation and intervention to explore how people, as a culture, make and use images.
Penelope Umbrico and various unknown photographers
University of Toronto Art Centre

4 Looking for Marshall McLuhan in Afghanistan

High tech meets low tech in the battlefields of Afghanistan and in the printing process as photographer Rita Leistner's iPhone Hipstamatic photographs from her time embedded with the U.S. Marines are recreated in the most permanent colour photographic process known: palladium with applied pigments. Bob Carnie of Bob Carnie Printmaking, assisted by Paulette Michayluk, employed the time honoured techniques invented in the 19th century to develop the exhibit's finished works.
Rita Leistner
Dylan Ellis Gallery

5 Edouard

A two-part exhibition, featuring a selection of Polaroids taken by Canadian photographer Edouard LeBouthillier, whose photographs of 1970s and 80s Toronto were acquired by the Archive of Modern Conflict Toronto after being found discarded curbside in The Annex. A selection of his Polaroids documenting some of the city's most recognizable landmarks will be presented as large-scale images on the vitrine windows within Union Station's VIA Rail concourse, and original images depicting Edouard's domestic life will be exhibited at Art Metropole.
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UNLOCKING POTENTIAL

City now sixth in level of appeal to young people

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

ISTOCK

Toronto, you're showing your age (apparently).

The most recent Youthful Cities rankings are being released today, and Toronto has slipped from first to sixth, losing ground to New York, London and Berlin.

The annual index ranks 55 major cities on how appealing they are to people ages 15 to 29. The study examines 101 different indicators relevant to youth, from safety to nightlife and access to digital technology.

The goal, said Youthful Cities co-founder Sonja Miokovic, is to, at least in part, "understand how we can unlock the potential of youth in those cities."

While Toronto scored high on diversity, the city lost marks in other areas, particularly civic engagement.

The average age of Toronto councillors is 53, and there are only 37 members on the city's youth council, Miokovic said, suggesting youth are underrepresented in local politics.

Toronto also ranked 34th out of 55 cities on public transit.

The city only has 150 kilometres of dedicated streetcar or cycling tracks, Miokovic noted, compared to 1,600 kilometres in Berlin.

"If Toronto wants to improve its ranking, it definitely has to engage young people in the processes of the city and improve transportation," she said.

Youthful Cities uses the local minimum wage to assess affordability. Ontario is raising the minimum wage from $11 to $11.25 in October, which Miokovic believes will help in next year's rankings.

As part of the effort, Youthful Cities is pairing 50 youth from around the world with 50 Torontonians in an effort to build "youthfulness" in the city, Miokovic said.

"People think of youth as vibrant, dynamic and engaged," she said. "The quality of life represented by those things can be applicable to all generations."

TOP 10 IN THE RANKINGS

1. New York
2. London
3. Berlin
4. San Francisco
5. Paris
6. Toronto
7. Chicago
8. Los Angeles
9. Mexico City
10. Amsterdam

The Bibliomat machine in the Monkey's Paw store on Dundas Street West. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

RETAIL

Vending machines ready for a revolution

You find them in odd places — dotted around the city in subway tunnels, hipster cafes and at the back of dusty, antique book stores.

Toronto's peculiar vending machines stand vigil, displaying their goods to tempt passing consumers 24/7.

They swallow loonies and credit card numbers and spit out everything from poetry to designer cufflinks, doughnuts, Mini Cooper accessories or bizarre second-hand books.

Unlike Japan, which has a vending machine on nearly every street corner, Toronto's automatic retailers are a bit harder to find. But that could soon change.

Toronto's vending machine scene is on the cusp of a revolution, said Shamira Jaffer, president of Signifi. The Toronto-based automated retail company says the days of vending machines stocking only Snickers bars and soda are long gone.

> **"You're going to see a lot more of these machines around the city soon."**
> Allan Ng, Bakeryhaus owner

Globally, the vending machine craze is well established; Canada is just a bit behind the times, Jaffer said.

Japan is known to be the capital of the automated retail world, with one vending machine for every 23 people nationwide, according to the country's Automatic Vending Association.

The machines sell everything from bread in a can to fresh flowers, live crabs, pornography and umbrellas.

Jaffer said that over the next year Toronto will be home to at least 40 new touch-screen automated retail machines, dispensing delicatessen food, perfume, high-end men's fashion, toys and designer handbags.

"It's exciting for us as a company to think what the next 12 months will look like. It's going to explode," Jaffer said.

But weird vending machines are already out there, if you look hard enough.

Machines at the Rogers Centre sell old-school baseball cards. And these days you can even get a customized cup of tea from an automatic kiosk called teaBOT.

One of Toronto's best known vending machines, the Bibliomat, lives at the back of The Monkey's Paw, a store that specializes in uncommon books on Dundas St. West.

For $2 you can hear the lime green machine rumble and churn as it spits out a random book hand-picked by owner Stephen Fowler, a professional antiquarian.

The Cuffwear machine can be found in Bay Station's Cumberland Terrace mall. The cufflinks, which bear skulls with diamanté eyes, red-lipstick lips, guitars and other designs, sit side-by-side in their own little jewelry boxes, illuminated by a purple backlight.

Over the Christmas season, Cuffwear had a popular partner, the Bakeryhaus gourmet doughnut dispenser. Allan Ng, owner of Bakeryhaus, stocked the machine every day with up to 100 doughnuts, macaroons and sweet treats.

"I'd sell out pretty much every day," he said.

Ng has promised at least five doughnut machines will return to the city this Christmas.

"The vending machine is an old but new concept in Toronto," he said. "You're going to see a lot more of these machines around the city soon."

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Burundians 'could be dying'

SOCIAL UNREST

Torontonians from East African nation are concerned

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Demonstrators set up a barricade Wednesday during clashes with riot police in Bujumbura, Burundi. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thousands of miles away from Burundi, Emmanuel Nkurunziza is worried his native country could soon descend into chaos.

Demonstrators have taken to the streets of capital Bujumbura since the past weekend, denouncing plans by the current president to run for a third-term re-election.

Government security services have reacted with force, prompting fears of potential large-scale social unrest and a resurgence of ethnic killings. At least five people have been killed in the protests, several more injured and hundreds arrested.

Nkurunziza and other local Burundians are even more worried now for their families, after the government cut off communication lines, blocking messaging services like Twitter, Facebook, Viber and WhatsApp in an attempt to impede protesters' coordination. Three prominent independent radio stations have also been cut off.

"This is very stressful," said Nkurunziza, a PhD candidate at York University, who is unable to get in touch with his siblings back in Burundi.

"I am very concerned for their safety. With no information, people could be dying in their homes and no one will know."

Another local source who spoke on condition of anonymity — fearing potential retaliation to family members — said it is sad that the interests of one person are causing such turmoil to the entire country.

"The president should just leave, become a senator and let people live in peace," said the source, who's lived in Canada since 2006 and has now lost track of family members in Bujumbura.

Nkurunziza, who heads a local association to fight against genocide, recently wrote to Canada's Prime Minister urging him to take action to stop a potential crisis in Burundi. His fear is that the international community is not paying enough attention now, and it could be too late when they finally do.

"The Burundian conflict may soon spill over and become a regional crisis," he said.

Over 25,000 people have fled the country, most of them crossing into neighbouring Rwanda.

Presidential elections are planned for June 26 this year.

Emmanuel Nkurunziza of Toronto. CONTRIBUTED

2,260

There are 2,260 people of Burundian origin in Ontario, with more than 600 of them in Toronto.
SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

UNION STATION

Backpack blamed for death

A 31-year-old man who died Tuesday at Union Station was pulled to his death when his backpack was hooked by a departing train during the evening rush hour.

The man was either waiting for or exiting the train on platform 11 just after 5:30 p.m. when the "traumatic" incident occurred, said Metrolinx spokeswoman Anne Marie Aikins.

"His backpack got caught on the locomotive of the train right at the end as it was leaving, and he was tragically dragged down underneath the train," Aikins said of the train en route to Barrie.

Toronto police Duty Insp. Paul MacIntyre told CP24 that GO personnel did not initially realize someone was struck.

Police have since collected video surveillance of the incident and are speaking to witnesses to investigate all factors that could have led to the man's death.

Stibbe said the death investigation is being treated "no different than a homicide," adding that witness statements make up a significant portion of the investigation. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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How hockey plays on brain

TECHNOLOGY

Fans to wear headsets while watching playoff games

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

This is your brain. This is your brain on hockey.

A Toronto research firm is trying to figure out exactly what that looks like — exploring how our brains react to Canada's national pastime.

Brainsights, a "neuromarketing" company, is looking for fans willing to watch playoff hockey while wearing a device that measures their brain activity.

"They put on a headset. They watch a game. Maybe they have some refreshments, and, afterwards, we'll see what they thought — literally — of the whole thing," Brainsights co-founder Kevin Keane said.

The point of the study is to determine what aspects of hockey viewing garner the greatest attention and engagement from the audience. The insights could be useful to broadcasters and marketers, Keane said.

"Sports is one of the last true live viewing experiences," he said.

"It's going to be interesting to get an idea of how things play on the brain."

One of the more interesting findings to emerge from Brainsights research is that people from different cultures react to content in different ways.

For example, when the company tested the Toronto Raptors' We the North ads, they found brainwave activity was higher in non-Caucasian audience members.

Hockey fans interested in participating can sign up at yourbrainonads.ca. Those chosen will receive $75 in compensation. Plus, snacks will be provided at the viewings.

Alcohol, however, is off limits during the games.

"Although, it would be fun to look at how beer impacts brain activity," Keane said.

PHOTO: THE CANADIAN PRESS

BIGFOOT GORILLA GETTING WELL A 10-year-old Western lowland male gorilla named Sadiki at the Toronto Zoo is recovering after a team that included an orthopedic surgeon from Scarborough Hospital partially amputated his infected toe last month. PHOTO COURTESY TORONTO ZOO

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From porn palace to rock climbing gym

CITYSCAPE

Business owner to keep 'iconic' marquee

Luke Simcoe
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It's definitely a step up.

The former Metro Theatre on Bloor Street West — the last X-rated movie theatre in the city — will be transformed into a rock climbing gym, officials confirmed Tuesday.

Dubbed Basecamp, the gym will boast 7,000 square feet of climbing space and a 40-foot climbing wall, billed as Toronto's tallest.

"We're going to cater to every type of climber," said Matthew Languay, who founded Basecamp after spending five years looking for the right location.

Although there are other climbing gyms in Toronto, most are located in the city's outskirts, Languay said. "The goal is to bring climbing to the people," he said. "I want to put it on people's doorsteps so it's less of a barrier for rock climbing."

Turning the 75-year-old theatre into a state-of-the-art climbing gym is a challenge, Languay said, and he's launched a Kickstarter campaign to help cover some "unexpected expenses." Perks included in the crowdfunding campaign include lessons, day passes and climbing parties.

While many might try to disassociate themselves from the Metro's past, Languay has decided to keep the building's famous marquee.

"As seedy as the Metro was, it's always been an iconic piece of Toronto," he said. "We wanted to preserve some of that history."

That said, Languay did say the renovations involved "a pretty thorough cleanup."

If the Kickstarter campaign is successful, Languay expects the gym will be open by October.

An artist's rendering of Basecamp, a rock climbing gym being built at the site of the old Metro Adult Theatre. COURTESY BASECAMP

EDITOR'S PICKS: FILMS AT HOT DOCS

Toronto's Hot Docs festival continues through Sunday, featuring 210 films from 44 countries at venues across the city.

You can get the full rundown at hotdocs.ca. Here's some of what we're liking from today's schedule.

3 Still Standing

Will Durst, Larry "Bubbles" Brown and Johnny Steele counted some big names (think Dana Carvey and Robin Williams) among their contemporaries on the San Francisco comedy scene of the 1980s. But each member of the trio is still waiting for a big break — continuing to dream of making a living doing what they love.

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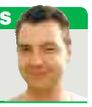
Laughing in the face of pain

MARGARET CHO

Not easy being a queer visible minority in stand-up

BACKSTAGE PASS

Ian Gormley



There's a dominant belief in stand-up circles that the best comedy comes from emotional pain and suffering, and that the funniest comics use the stage to work out those issues.

Margaret Cho certainly subscribes to that school of thought.

The comic frequently mines her life as a queer, female, Asian-American for material. But, she says, the white, male-dominated world of stand-up is traditionally an "unsafe" place for minorities.

"Comedy is a lot about frustrated anger and a lot of that was directed at women and people of colour," Cho says.

That's why an event like Toronto's SheDot Festival is so refreshing. The comedy fest, with a bill consisting entirely of female comics, creates a space for women of all stripes.

"It's a place for women to feel safe," Cho says.

Despite dalliances in television, film and even fashion, Cho always returns to stand-up as the primary vehicle for her unique point-of-view.

"(It) is appealing to minorities, and it has a minority history as well," she says, acknowledging the irony. "It's complicated."

She recently shot a new special for Showtime, portions of which were written while Cho was on tour in British Columbia last fall, about the time the Jian Ghomeshi scandal broke. She says the set reflects "my pride in how Canadian women don't blame the victim like American women do."

Reflecting female perspectives has been popular culture's strong suit lately, she says, noting the controversy that continues to surround Bill Cosby.

"He hasn't been taken to task the way Jian Ghomeshi was," Cho says.

Yet, for comedians, she sees promise of change in social media.

"People are more likely to police the actions of others," she says. "You're not saying something just to an audience, you're saying it to the world."

Cho performs at the Danforth Music Hall on Sunday as part of the SheDot Festival.

The festival opens Thursday and runs through the weekend at multiple venues. Check shedotfestival.com.

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Margaret Cho

MUSIC

Creating comedy through her other passion

Margaret Cho has plied her creative wares in a variety of mediums over the years.

But music continues to play an important role in her shows.

"I'm an ancillary member of Broken Social Scene," she says, noting she hopes to coerce founding member Kevin Drew to join her on stage this weekend.

"I play triangle."

In fact, the comedian has a deep love for Canadian indie rock.

Vancouver sisters Tegan and Sara helped with Cho's song Intervention, and Cho hopes to "join" Stars and Arcade Fire while she's in town.

"I want to make music that's beautiful, but funny."

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Citizenship gifts 'odd': MP

CEREMONY

Adam Vaughan says 'product placement' not a sensible fit

Some got to go to an NHL game. Others got free coffee. Still more got maple syrup — or those most coveted gifts of all: pens, mugs and key chains.

The response that Citizenship and Immigration Canada provided to an inquiry by Toronto Liberal MP Adam Vaughan show the types of gifts handed out to newly minted Canadian citizens at their oath-taking ceremonies vary widely across the country.

"It's like the lottery. If your citizenship comes up during the hockey season, you might get free tickets. If it comes up in the summer, you might just get packed into a church basement. There doesn't seem to be any rhyme or reason to the largesse," Vaughan said Wednesday.

Canadians have been receiving gift bags at citizenship ceremonies, including Maple Leafs jerseys. GETTY IMAGES

Vaughan told Torstar News Service that his query stemmed from his staff attending a citizenship ceremony held at the Air Canada Centre last year and noticing the new Canadians were receiving Maple Leafs jerseys and tickets to the game along with their right to get a passport and vote.

"It just seemed odd that it suddenly had this sort of gift-bag component to it — that the ceremony itself wasn't significant enough," said Vaughan.

"There are a lot of Tim Hortons (gift cards) and maple syrup," he said.

The response also included a list of third-party sponsors as well as locations outside government facilities where citizenship ceremonies took place, including many schools, parks, sports arenas, museums and a salmon festival in Richmond, B.C.

"It's a citizenship ceremony, and I think it should be a fairly solemn and momentous occasion in someone's life. It just seems strange that it has been reduced to a sort of photo op, a product-placement opportunity," said Vaughan.

Vaughan said he found it especially odd given the Conservative government has spoken about the importance of the moment when defending its decision to ban the wearing of the face-covering niqab while swearing the citizenship oath.

"You can't show your culture, but corporate culture can be rained down upon you. It's a very ambiguous set of messages that are sent," Vaughan said.

A spokesman for Citizenship and Immigration Minister Chris Alexander did not grant an interview to Torstar on Wednesday but emailed a statement saying the government wants to make ceremonies memorable.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Adam Vaughan, Toronto Liberal MP

EARTHQUAKE

Canadians in Nepal are flown to India

An RCAF plane carrying approximately 100 people who survived a massive earthquake in Nepal arrived in New Delhi late Wednesday, the Canadian government said.

On board the C-17 transport were both Canadians and people from other countries, while an additional 70 Canadians have since left Nepal on commercial flights, Foreign Affairs Minister Rob Nicholson said in a statement.

The plane arrived in Kathmandu, the Nepalese capital, early Wednesday morning, carrying elements of the government's Disaster Assistance Response Team to assist in the crisis.

A second C-17 is also on the way, carrying 51 Canadian Forces members and supplies to be used by the response team in the aftermath of last weekend's quake.

The plane will then be used to get more people out of the country, the government says.

In 2013, more than 12,000 Canadians visited Nepal, according to that country's tourism agency, most for holidays or mountaineering expeditions.

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ONTARIO POLITICS

OPP question Wynne about Liberals' actions in Sudbury byelection

The Ontario Provincial Police questioned Premier Kathleen Wynne Wednesday about allegations the Liberal Party offered a former candidate a job or appointment to step aside in a recent byelection.

The premier's office issued a statement Tuesday evening confirming the meeting with police took place, but it did not say where, how long it lasted, or how many detectives asked Wynne about the lead-up to the Feb. 2 byelection in Sudbury. "The premier answered openly and her questions were consistent with the public statements she has already made," said the statement from Wynne's press secretary, Zita Astravas. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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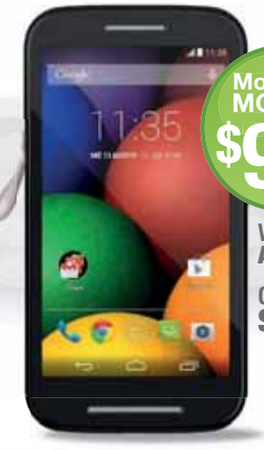

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Nigerian soldiers man a checkpoint in Gwoza, Nigeria, on Wednesday. The town has been newly liberated from Boko Haram. LEKAN OYEKANMI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

NIGERIA

Rescued girls need psychological care

Some of the nearly 300 girls and women freed by Nigeria's military from the forest stronghold of Boko Haram were so transformed by their captivity that they opened fire on their rescuers, and experts said Wednesday they would need intensive psychological treatment.

The military was flying in medical and intelligence teams to evaluate the former captives, many of whom were severely traumatized, said army spokesman Col. Sani Usman.

He said earlier that none of the schoolgirls kidnapped from the northeastern town of Chibok a year ago appeared to be among the 200 girls and 93 women rescued Tuesday. But on Wednesday he said further screening was needed before their identities could be determined.

A counsellor who has treated other women freed from Boko Haram said some had become indoctrinated into believing the group's Islamic extremist ideology, while others had established strong emotional attachments to militants they had been forced to marry. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Aid reaches villages near quake centre

NEPAL

Long lines for buses out of Kathmandu

The first supplies of food aid began reaching remote, earthquake-shattered mountain villages in Nepal on Wednesday, while thousands clamoured to board buses out of Kathmandu, either to check on rural relatives or for fear of spending yet another night in the damaged capital.

Frustration over the slow delivery of aid boiled over in a protest in the city, with about 200 people facing off with police and blocking traffic.

The protest was comparatively small, and no demonstrators were detained. But it reflected growing anger over bottlenecks that delayed much-needed relief four days after the powerful earthquake that killed more than 5,000 people, injured twice that many and left tens of thousands homeless. Police, meanwhile, arrested dozens of people on suspicion of looting or causing panic by spreading rumours of another big quake.

Helicopters finally brought food, temporary shelter and other aid to hamlets north of Kathmandu in the mountainous Gorkha District near the epicentre of Saturday's 7.8-magnitude quake. Entire clusters of homes there were reduced to piles of stone and splintered wood. Women greeted the delivery with repeated cries of "We are hungry!"

While the death toll in the village of Gumda was low — five people were killed and 20 were injured among 1,300 residents — most had lost their homes and desperately needed temporary shelter. Adding to residents' misery was the rain that has fallen periodically since the quake and hampered helicopter aid flights.

The UN World Food Program warned that it will take time for food and other supplies to reach more remote communities that have been cut off by landslides.

"More helicopters, more personnel and certainly more relief supplies, including medical teams, shelter, tents, water and sanitation and food, are obviously needed," said the program's Geoff Pinnock. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Volunteers carry bags of food from a cargo truck to an aid helicopter in Majuwa village, near the epicentre of Saturday's massive earthquake, in the Gorkha District of Nepal on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAW REFORM

U.S. court rulings create double standard for 'high crime' areas

When police spotted Freddie Gray and he took off running through his Baltimore neighbourhood, officers made a split-second decision to give chase, setting in motion his death in custody and rioting in the streets.

Fleeing from police is not, by itself, illegal in America, and the U.S. Supreme Court has made it clear that in safe neighbourhoods, people not suspected of criminal activity can ignore a police officer who approaches them, even to the point of walking away. But courts have set a different standard for places where street crime is common, ruling that police can chase, stop and frisk people if their location contributes to a suspicion of criminal activity. This double standard is having a major impact as more black men die in encounters with police around the country.

"Folks who are going to be the most intimidated or scared of the police are the same people in places where the Supreme Court has said, 'If you run from police, that's suspicion,'" said Ezekiel Edwards, director of the Criminal Law Reform Project at the American Civil Liberties Union.

Edwards is among the legal experts who say unprovoked flight shouldn't justify a chase: "If you can walk away, you can run away. It shouldn't matter the speed at which you move away." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Australia recalls ambassador as Indonesia executes convicts

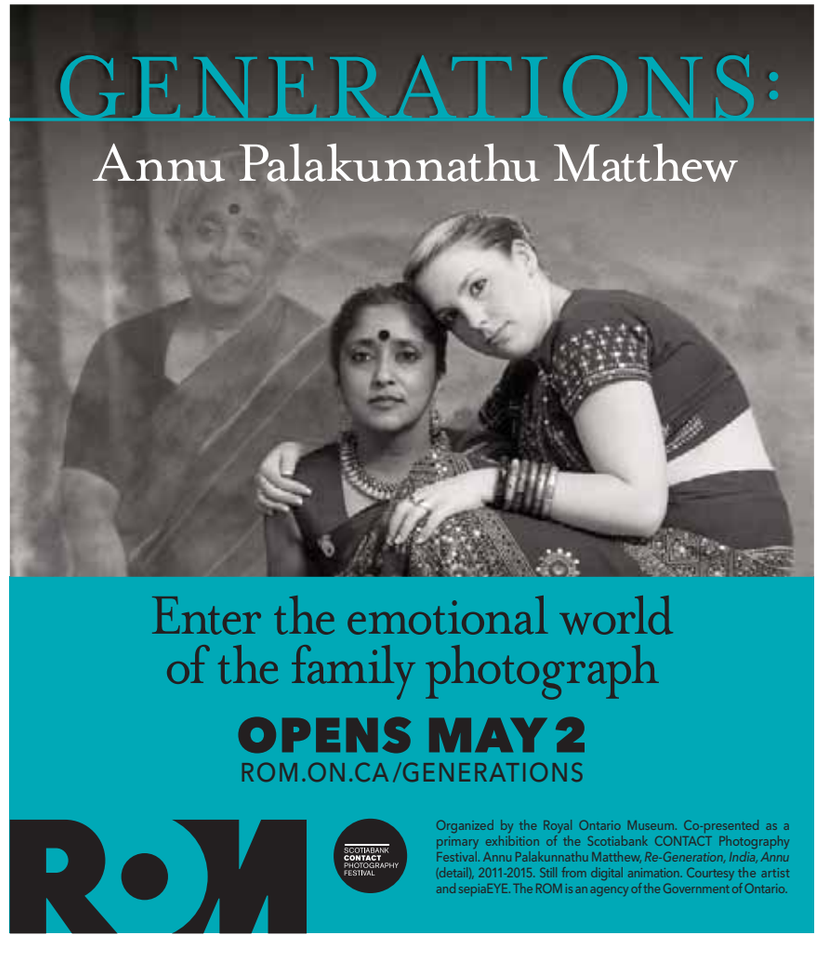
Australia said it would withdraw its ambassador to Indonesia after two Australians were among eight drug traffickers executed by the Southeast Asian country on Wednesday, but it was wary of escalating hostilities with its neighbour despite a public outcry.

The executions by firing squad of the eight men — two Australians, four Nigerians, a Brazilian and an Indonesian — attracted international condemnation and intense Australian media coverage.

The UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights said given that Indonesia has asked for clemency for its own nationals facing execution in other countries, "it is incomprehensible why it absolutely refuses to grant clemency for lesser crimes on its own territory."

But there was unexpected joy in the Philippines, where the government won an 11th-hour stay of execution for a Filipina woman also on death row on a drug conviction.

Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott reacted swiftly, announcing that Ambassador Paul Grigson would be recalled this week even before the executions of Myuran Sukumaran, 33, and Andrew Chan, 31, were officially confirmed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS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Supply capsule won't make ISS delivery

American astronaut Scott Kelly and Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Kornienko, left, are interviewed aboard the International Space Station on Wednesday. NASA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPACE

Provisions will last despite lost food, clothes, water shipment

A Russian supply capsule that went into an uncontrollable spin after launch was declared a total loss Wednesday, but astronauts at the International Space Station said they will get by without the delivery of fresh food, water, clothes and equipment.

"We should be OK," NASA astronaut Scott Kelly assured The Associated Press. "I think we're going to be in good shape."

Kelly and Russian Mikhail Kornienko, the space station's one-year crew members, said during an interview that flight controllers had given up trying to command the cargo carrier. NASA and the Russian Federal Space Agency, Roscosmos, later confirmed the news.

The unmanned Progress vessel, bearing three tons of goods, began tumbling when it reached orbit Tuesday, after it launched from Kazakhstan.

The head of Roscosmos, Igor Komarov, cited a lack of pressure in the main block of the propulsion system in the decision to abort the mission.

Kelly said the craft will fall out of orbit and re-enter the atmosphere. Russian reports indicated a re-entry possibly next week. The capsule is expected to burn up harmlessly in the atmosphere, as is the case for all Progress carriers, once they have delivered their shipments and are filled with trash.

Six people currently live on the space station: two Americans, one Italian and three Russians. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASA

Messenger's voyage to end with a bang

NASA's Mercury-orbiting spacecraft, Messenger, is going out with a bang this week, adding a hefty crater to the little planet closest to the sun.

The first spacecraft to circle Mercury, Messenger is expected to slip out of orbit and slam into Mercury on Thursday following a successful four-year tour of the rocky planet.

The spacecraft will be travelling 8,750 mph (14,081 km/h) when it hits, fast enough to carve out a crater 52 feet (16 metres) wide.

The spacecraft itself stretches 10 feet (three metres) solar wingtip to wingtip.

Messenger has run out of fuel, but ground controllers managed in recent weeks to eke out some extra life, raising its orbit by dipping into helium gas reserves not originally intended for use as fuel.

But now that's all gone and Messenger is at the mercy of gravity.

"I guess the end is coming," the Messenger team said via Twitter earlier this week. "After 10 years, spacecraft will end life as just another crater on Mercury's surface."

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AN EPIC TRIP

Roundabout flight
Messenger rocketed away from Cape Canaveral, Florida, in August 2004. It flew twice past Venus and three times past Mercury, before entering orbit around Mercury in March 2011.

Scientific discoveries
Messenger has revealed volcanic deposits at Mercury that are helping to explain the planet's important eruptive and interior-melting past; polar caps of frozen water at or near the surface; and incredible global shrinkage thanks to a cooling interior.

Smashing end
On Thursday, Messenger is expected to crash into the side of Mercury facing away from Earth. There will be no cameras or observatories to witness the impact. Scientists expect to gather information from Messenger until 10 to 15 minutes before its fatal plunge. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FLORIDA ON TOP OF THE EYE Daredevil performer Nik Wallenda waves to the crowd below after he walked untethered along the rim of the Orlando Eye, the city's new, 400-foot observation wheel on Wednesday in Orlando, Fla. The walk was done in advance of the attraction's public opening next month. JOHN RAOUX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARMS CONTROL

'De-alert' missiles, ex-general urges

Taking U.S. and Russian missiles off high alert could keep a possible cyberattack from starting a nuclear war, a former commander of U.S. nuclear forces says, but neither country appears willing to increase the lead-time to prepare the weapons for launch.

Retired Gen. James Cartwright said in an interview that "de-alerting" nuclear arsenals could foil hackers by reducing the chance of firing a weapon in response to a false warning of attack.

Essentially adding a longer fuse can be done without eroding the weapons' deterrent value, said Cartwright, who headed Strategic Command from 2004 to 2007 and was vice-chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff before retiring in 2011.

The Obama administration has considered and rejected the idea before of taking nuclear missiles off high alert. There appears to be little near-term chance that Moscow would agree to pursue this or any other kind of nuclear arms control measure, given the deteriorating U.S.-Russian relations after Russia's intervention in eastern Ukraine.

The U.S. and Russia also are at odds over a U.S. accusation that Moscow is violating a treaty banning medium-range nuclear missiles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NUKES

Two years ago the Pentagon's Defence Science Board reported that "most of the systems" in the U.S. nuclear arsenal had not been fully assessed to understand possible weak spots in the event of an all-out cyberattack.

LANDMARK TREATY

Iran to help draft nuclear agreement

Iran's foreign minister says his country and world powers will meet Thursday to start bringing together the elements of a draft on a comprehensive nuclear deal, with meetings starting Monday in Europe to finalize all its elements.

Foreign Minister Javad Zarif said at an event Wednesday in New York that even though Iran certainly wants to meet the June 30 deadline for an agreement, "no time deadline is sacrosanct."

He met with Secretary of State John Kerry on Monday.

Zarif says Iran expects UN sanctions to be lifted within a few days of a deal. And he expects President Barack Obama will have to stop implementing U.S. sanctions on his country. "How he does is his problem," Zarif said.

He also took aim at Israel's prime minister, who has been a fierce critic of the attempt to reach a deal with Iran over its nuclear program and who went as far as addressing Congress over the issue, to Obama's displeasure. Iran insists its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes.

Zarif called Benjamin Netanyahu's criticism "ironic but laughable."

"Netanyahu has become everyone's non-proliferation guru. He is sitting on 400 nuclear warheads," the foreign minister said.

Israel has never publicly declared any nuclear weapons.

Zarif spoke on the sidelines as world powers meet at the UN to discuss progress on a landmark treaty toward nuclear disarmament.

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Pope Francis arrives for his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on Wednesday.
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Unequal pay is 'pure scandal'

EMPLOYMENT

Pope blasts 'machismo' attitudes about family roles

Pope Francis added his voice Wednesday to the feminist anthem of equal pay for equal work, saying it's "pure scandal" that women earn less than men for doing the same job.

Francis also lambasted the attitude of those who blame the crisis in families on women getting out of the house to work. He said such attitudes are a form of "machismo" that shows how men "want to dominate women."

Francis made the comments during his Wednesday general audience, which he has been devoting to different aspects of family life before a big meeting on family issues in October.

Francis said the "radical equality" that Christianity proposes between husband and wife must bear new fruit.

"We should support with decisiveness the right to equal pay for equal work," he said. "Why is it a given that women must earn less than men? No! They have the same rights. The disparity is pure scandal."

Francis has spoken out frequently about how the Catholic Church in general must give greater value to the "feminine genius," and has called for women to take on greater decision-making roles in the church, though he has ruled out women's ordination or having women head Vatican congregations.

On Wednesday, he came to women's defence. He took the biblical Adam to task for having blamed Eve for having given him the forbidden apple. "It's always the women's fault," Francis said sarcastically. "Poor woman! We must defend women!" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ADVERTISING

Beer company sorry for slogan

Bud Light should have kept the word "No" handy in this case.

Anheuser-Busch is apologizing for ad copy that appeared on bottles saying Bud Light removes the word "no" from drinkers' vocabulary.

Photos of the bottles went viral on social media Tuesday with widespread complaints about the slogan at a time of national debate about college rape.

"The perfect beer for removing 'no' from your vocabulary for the night," the copy read in full.

The slogan is part of the brewer's two-year-old "Up for Whatever" campaign. The company says there are waves of the bottle-message campaign that includes more than 140 different messages — with new ones released every few months — intended to "encourage brand engagement." They said this particular one missed the mark, and the company regrets it.
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Bud Light's owners have apologized for a controversial message on one of its bottle labels. IMGUR

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NDP win in West won't bother PM

POLITICS
Chantal Hébert

One does not need to be a particularly astute parliamentary observer to notice the spring in the step of Stephen Harper's MPs these days.

In the wake of a federal budget that they believe will secure the continued allegiance of the voters that gave the party a majority four years ago, the ruling Conservatives are oozing renewed confidence in their re-election prospects.

By the same token, they seem to be taking in stride the unexpected turn of the Alberta election campaign and the possible demise of that province's Conservative dynasty.

It is not that the latest illustration of the time-tested notion that the electorate can undo the best-laid plans of over-confident politicians is not giving some government MPs pause.

Nor are Harper's Conservatives in collective denial over the possibility that the NDP could make a historical breakthrough in their party's heartland.

But federal Conservative discomfort over the Alberta campaign is offset by the fact that — regardless of the outcome of next week's vote — the dynamics that have turned the election into a three-way battle between the Wildrose, the NDPs and the Tories are not about to be replicated on the federal scene next fall.

What has propelled the Alberta New Democrats to a competitive position is a split on the right between two warring conservative factions, combined with the fact that NDP Leader Rachel Notley decisively dominates her non-conservative competition.

If the recipe sounds familiar, it is a variation on the formula that led to Jean Chrétien's three successive majority victories. The key ingredients at the federal level were the Reform/Tory schism and a federal NDP on its knees after a bruising experience in power in Ontario.

These days the shoe is on the other foot, with three national parties fighting for the territory to the left of a united Conservative party.

A fractured right in Alberta might not bode well for that unity when the time comes to choose a successor to Harper, but it is not a major impediment to the more immediate task of winning a fourth mandate.

Regardless of the ongoing tensions within the Conservative movement, the prime minister can reasonably expect all hands in Alberta to be on deck for his own re-election campaign next fall.

In another contrast with Alberta, the federal Liberals and New Democrats have in Justin Trudeau and Thomas Mulcair leaders with distinct but undeniable skills. That will make it hard for one party to crush the other on the way to uniting non-conservative voters against Harper in the fall.

If the recipe sounds familiar, it's a variation on the formula that led to Chretien's three successive majority victories.

If anything, the campaign developments in Alberta make that federal scenario even less likely.

The emergence of the NDP as a serious contender for government in Alberta reinforces Mulcair's hand at a crucial time in the pre-election calendar.

The Liberal strategy for the fall election is in no small part predicated on driving home the argument that only Trudeau has a fighting chance to beat Harper. With polls reporting a softening in Liberal support nationally, that narrative has taken a hit this spring.

The Alberta developments compound that hit. They go some way to counter the narrative that there is simply not a critical mass of voters outside Quebec willing to consider the NDP as a credible governing option.

There are some Conservative strategists who feel that anything that is good for the NDP — including a strong showing against Jim Prentice's Tories in Alberta — is also good for Harper. But that is true only up to a certain point.

Four years ago, fears of a surging NDP drove a contingent of Liberal sympathizers into the Conservative fold. Those voters contributed to making the difference between a minority and a majority Harper victory.

Since Trudeau became leader, many have returned home. The less they fear an NDP government, the less likely they are to jump ship to the Conservatives again.

Moreover, in at least some regions of the country, the wall that the Conservatives assume insulates their vote from NDP inroads may be less thick than they believe.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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"How can women stay in a faith that demeans them?"

Feminist. Pro-choice. Pro-gay marriage. Catholic.

For this odd cocktail of beliefs, I've often called myself a "bad Catholic." I've sat uncomfortably in a no man's land between the sometimes discriminatory and tone-deaf doctrine of the church, and the faith that I cherish.

But the wonderfully bull-headed feminist activist American nuns and central characters of the new documentary Radical Grace have little time for shame. Their decades-long struggle to drag the Catholic Church into modernity is an act, in the words of Sister Christine Schenk, of "radical faithfulness."

The documentary, which had its world premiere at Hot Docs in Toronto on Tuesday, is a funny, fast-paced window into the battle between U.S. nuns and conservative elements of the Catholic Church over the past four years.

The nuns' aggressive politicking in support of President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act — which covered family planning — has drawn the ire of U.S. bishops. In 2012, the Vatican condemned the nuns for "radical feminist themes incompatible with the Catholic faith." (If women's equality is "radical," Schenk quips in the film, "guilty as charged.")

The film asks how these women can stay in a faith that demeans their work and questions their spirituality. For that matter, how can I?

But we are far from alone. In the U.S., 60 per cent of Catholics support gay marriage, according to Pew Research polling from 2014. A 2013 Ipsos Reid survey found three-quarters of Canadian Catholics agree women should be ordained as priests, and even more said priests should be able to marry.

The late Sister Jean Hughes, an affable woman who worked with ex-convicts, wonders in the film if she's "propping up an organization that doesn't believe that same things I do."

Or maybe, as U.S. Bishop Thomas Paprocki, appointed by the Vatican to oversee the U.S. nuns, states in misogynistic arrogance, "The question is: Are you still religious? Are you still nuns?"

I put that question to Schenk, but she countered: "Who is drawing the lines?"

"Too many Catholics grew up handing over their own moral conscience decision-making to whatever the Father said," she told me. "That kept them infantile in their faith."

Even progressive Pope Francis — champion of the poor and a more open church — rejects women's ordination.

"He doesn't get it with women, still," Shenk said.

Her vision of the future of my faith is compelling, but the most profound gift of Radical Grace is not that. It's these women, their humour and compassion and their guts, corroborating the truth: I do, in fact, belong.

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Sick beets, Kendrick! Lamar now has his own salad called Beets Don't Kale My Vibe

FAMILY HISTORY

Affleck's ancestry shame not uncommon

Ben Affleck recently admitted he was embarrassed by his ancestral ties to a slave owner, but the Oscar winner is hardly alone when it comes to having a controversial family history.

Unearthing sordid details about relatives is not uncommon, according to genealogists.

"You might find somebody with a criminal record and things like that, but it's personal because it's family — it's your family," said professional genealogist Ruth Blair of Blair Archival Research based in Oakville, Ont.

"There's just great sensitivity to some of these topics."

Affleck expressed regret in a Facebook post for seeking to have the information about his ancestor omitted from an episode of Finding Your Roots, which featured the actor and aired last October.

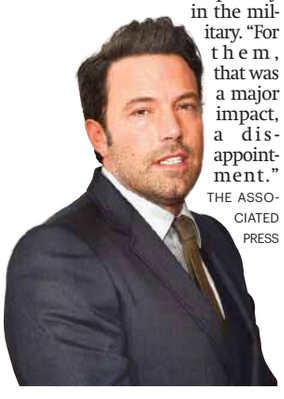
Barry Sheldon, vice-president and lead researcher of Genealogists.com, said no one should look poorly upon Affleck because of his ancestral ties, adding that individuals "can't be held guilty by association."

"We all have something," Sheldon said from Berrien Springs, Mich.

"Slavery was a way of life and it was an unfortunate way of life, at least here in the United States."

In researching his own collateral line, Ontario Genealogical Society president Alan Campbell discovered a man who had enlisted to serve in the First World War but was dishonourably discharged because of frequent drunkenness.

Meanwhile, two of the discharged serviceman's grandchildren went on to serve proudly in the military. "For them, that was a major impact, a disappointment." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



When a library book says your grandfather is a Nazi

Jennifer Teege, author of My Grandfather Would Have Shot Me, discovered she was the granddaughter of notorious Nazi commandant Amon Goeth. CONTRIBUTED

GENEALOGY

New book tells of a woman's journey of self discovery

Emily Laurence
Metro | New York

Growing up in Germany, Jennifer Teege knew little about her biological family. Her adoption was open, so she knew the names of her mother and father, and was in sporadic contact with her mother and grandmother until she was seven. But she had little information beyond that.

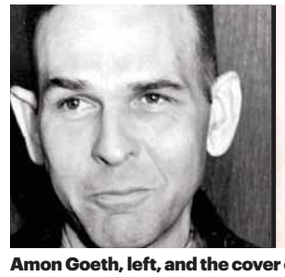
It wasn't until decades later as an adult that she happened to pull a library book off the shelf, with a photo on the cover that looked vaguely familiar. The book's title, translated to English, was: I Have to Love My Father, Right?, and was written by her biological mother.

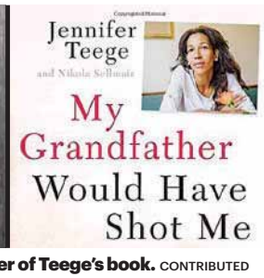
Upon realizing the book was about her family history, Teege also shockingly discovered that her grandfather was Amon Goeth, the Nazi commandant who was played by Ralph Fiennes in Schindler's List.

Metro spoke to Teege about her journey of self-discovery and writing her own recently released book, titled My Grandfather Would Have Shot Me.

Do you think growing up in an adoptive family made you more curious about your family history than you would have been otherwise?
I think in general, when you're adopted, there's a piece missing so you always want to find out more. In my case, I was so obviously (adopted) because of the colour of my skin; I looked different from my adoptive family. So there was a part of my identity that I needed to explore.

What was it like finding the book, when you discovered this big family secret?





Amon Goeth, left, and the cover of Teege's book. CONTRIBUTED

It was a twofold shock. First, I had this book in my hand about my mother and I hadn't seen my mother in many, many years. Suddenly this book was telling (a story about) my mother I had no knowledge about. The second shock was actually reading the book and learning about her, my grandmother and my grandfather.

After finding the book, you started researching and even reconnected with your mother. What prompted you to keep digging?
That's my personality. It was impossible for me to stop. I think finding out the truth is something someone should do. If feelings come up, you can't just put them in a closet. It will haunt you or come back to you, like a boomerang.

What was it like reconnecting with your mother?
It took me a year and a half to actually contact my mother because in the very beginning I was angry. Not only did my mother never tell me that this book existed, I wasn't even in it. But over time, I realized my mother was like this because of her past and upbringing. My mother suffered from the past even more than me because my grandfather was her father. But I think it's important to acknowledge this feeling of anger because if you pretend it's not there, it will always come back.

Have you had any memorable responses to the book?
So many. It was important to me that the book was published in Israel and when that happened, people received me with open arms. I got a chance to meet with survivors (of the Holocaust) and that was a very important step in my journey. Also, the book is widely talked about in Germany, a place where the Holocaust is not widely discussed within the families. But I don't feel the need to connect to other descendants of perpetrators. Dealing with that is very individual. I don't let (my ancestry) define me. I can't deny it, but it's only one part.

TECHNOLOGY

Parents worried kids are 'hooked'

Parents are concerned that smartphones will reduce their kids' creativity. ISTOCK

Until now, few studies have tackled the question of how technology is affecting family life and new research says parents wonder if their children would be better off without the mobile devices that have become ingrained in the daily regimen.

The research team conducted in-depth interviews in both one-on-one and small group settings. Caregivers expressed discomfort with the technology in their charges' hands, according to the study, reporting that they felt obliged to purchase tablets for school success. Parents worried about heavy use of the gadgets to the point where they described their children as "hooked" or "addicted." AFP

GLUTEN BEGONE

Canadians may be losing taste for gluten-free foods

After nearly five years of consistent growth and a tripling of sales since 2009, the gluten-free food category declined last year, according to research firm NPD Group.

The Canadian Celiac Association estimates that one in 133 Canadians is affected by celiac disease. But many other Canadians have bought into suggestions that a gluten-free lifestyle can offer anyone health benefits, including weight loss.

The market responded with a glut of specialty products in supermarkets, but consumers may be tiring of the extra effort and cost that's required to go gluten-free, says Robert Carter of the NPD Group.

"As people started to understand the amount of work it requires to actually be truly gluten-free, I think the benefit started to wane a little bit," says Carter.

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Pop that earworm

STUDY

Research says chewing gum is good for getting a song out of head

Chewing gum could be the best way to stop annoying songs from playing in your head, according to new research. ISTOCK

Scientists call them earworms — the annoying songs that play in our heads — and chewing gum could be the best way to get rid of them, according to a team at the University of Reading in the U.K.

Sometimes called tune wedgies, earworms are a form of involuntary musical memory, says lead author Dr. Philip Beaman.

He says chewing gum is similar to speaking inside your head, the latter of which has been proven to interfere with short-term memory and auditory images.

In the first of three experiments, 44 participants listened twice to the chorus of the song Play Hard by David Guetta featuring Flo Rida and Akon, approximately the first 30 seconds.

They were given no gum, and the first time they were asked to try not to think about the music for three minutes after hearing it, but the next time no such restriction was set.

A computer keyboard was at their disposal in both circumstances and they were asked to press the 'q' key each time they thought of the song.

This was repeated with gum and participants were asked to chew vigorously.

This time, the 'q' key was pressed significantly less.

In the second experiment, 18 participants saw the same conditions with the exception that they were asked to differentiate whether they thought of the song itself or whether it was actually playing in their heads.

Without the gum the song played significantly more times in participants' heads than with the gum.

The song Payphone by Maroon 5 set the tune for the third experiment where participants were also asked to tap repetitively using their dominant hand.

Once again, chewing gum proved to be more effective at suppressing earworms, although tapping was found to be better than doing nothing at all.

The study was published in The Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology. AFP

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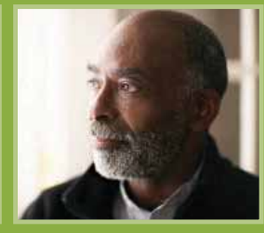

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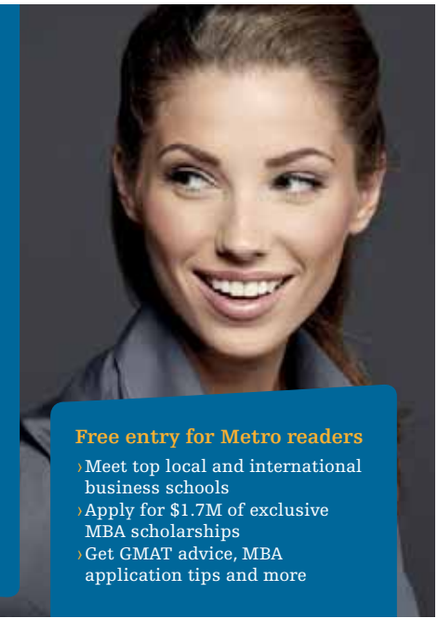

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Hudson's Bay unveils its true patriot threads

FASHION

Pan Am and Parapan Am collection has a classic varsity look

Track star Jessica Zelinka and champion para-swimmer Benoit Huot were among the athletes modelling the new collection unveiled by Hudson's Bay Co. on Wednesday in Toronto, the host city for the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games.

The retailer, promoting the threads in a lookbook featuring swimmer Katerine Savard and Judoka Sergio Pessoa Jr., was inspired by the Canadian flag's 50th anniversary. The maple leaf symbol was used as a starting point for graphics throughout the line. The 22-piece collection is red and white accented with grey, black and gold.

The line bears similarities to classic varsity sport, while also paying homage to the athleisure trend with garments suitable for both physical activity and everyday casual wear.

The Canada wordmark in a rounded font is prominently displayed on T-shirts, as well as vertically on half-zip jackets and pant legs.

Zip-up red jackets and windbreakers feature the Maple Leaf with stripes on the sleeves.

A red-and-white fringed rally scarf includes the words En Garde (on guard) in bold white block lettering.

With the exception of a few items, the clothing the athletes will wear will all be produced in Canada.

The replica garments for consumers, however, will be manufactured offshore.

Swimmer Katerine Savard and judoka Sergio Pessoa Jr. (left) model the Canadian Pan Am Games uniforms. HUDSON'S BAY/CONTRIBUTED

The clothing, priced from $30 to $140, is now available in Hudson's Bay stores and online.

The retailer has also designed two limited-edition collections that will be carried in select stores beginning June 1.

Canada is fielding its largest-ever Pan Am Games team of 700 athletes and has set a goal of finishing second in the medals — behind the U.S. — with 160.

Some 6,600 athletes from 41 countries are scheduled to compete in 36 Pan Am sports — including 28 Olympic sports — plus 15 Parapan Am sports.

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Taking Eva Mendes at face value

CELEBRITY

Estée Lauder's latest visage, actress chooses projects wisely

Announced as the latest face of Estée Lauder this week, actress Eva Mendes has had a brilliant career so far, between her roles on screen and on the set of fashion and beauty campaigns.

And yet, the 41-year-old Hollywood star has always kept a relatively low profile and remained loyal to the brands she represents. Here is a look back at her spokesmodel career.

Mendes has been appointed as the ambassador for the New Dimension skincare line.

Estée Lauder is expected to roll out the first images from the new campaign in the coming weeks — not bad for an actress and model who early in her career appeared in '90s music videos including Will Smith's Miami, Pet Shop Boys' Se a vida é (That's the way life is) and Aerosmith's There's a Hole in My Soul.

One of Mendes' prestigious partnerships was with Vogue Eyewear. CHARLEY GALLAY/GETTY IMAGES FOR VOGUE EYEWEAR

Mendes doesn't go overboard in trying to get herself noticed. She has steered clear of photo scandals, social media over-sharing or dramatic physical transformations (even her hairstyle has remained the same for years).

Never spreading herself too thin, the actress and new mom carefully considers a new commitment before taking it on, whether for a film role or a brand tie-up. As a result, she has forged lasting partnerships with a number of prestigious cosmetics and apparel companies.

After taking some time out to care for her baby daughter with husband Ryan Gosling, this spring Mendes launched her own makeup line called CIRCA.

The brand from Maesa Group is an old-Hollywood, glamour-themed line with products priced between $8 and $15 and designed to work for different skin tones.

While she may have posed for a relatively small number of fashion and beauty brands, those she has collaborated with are enviable: the fiery brunette clearly puts quality over quantity.

In 2008, Mendes partnered with Calvin Klein to star in campaigns for the Secret Obsession fragrance, the Body line, the Fall-Winter 2009 Underwear collection, and the Fall-Winter 2009 and Spring-Summer 2010 Jeans collections.

In 2011, the actress became the face of Thierry Mugler's iconic fragrance Angel, following in the footsteps of Naomi Watts. Mendes remains associated with the perfume, although Georgia May Jagger has since taken her place as the official spokesmodel.

Since then, Mendes has posed in campaigns for Reebok's Easytone sneakers and, in 2013 and 2014, for the Vogue Eyewear.

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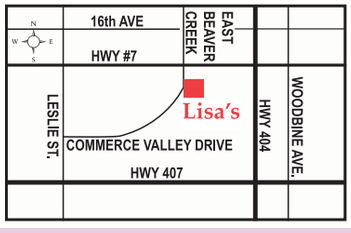

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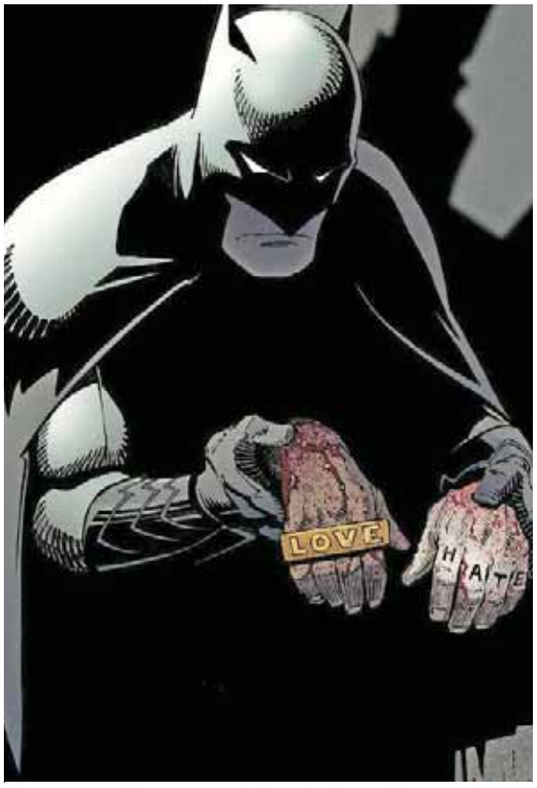

The creators of Batman are dethroning Bruce Wayne and bringing in a new Dark Knight as DC Comics begins to gear up for the annual Free Comic Book Day on May 2.
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Costume upgrade for caped crusader

BATMAN

Bruce Wayne retired, but may reprise role as superhero

Move over, Bruce Wayne: There's going to be a new Batman fighting crime in Gotham City for DC Comics, and instead of a cape, he'll wear a manga-style suit of armour.

The creators of Batman are dethroning Wayne and bringing in a new Dark Knight as DC Comics begins to gear up for the annual Free Comic Book Day giveaways.

Author Scott Snyder and artist Greg Capullo won't say who will wear the armoured cowl in Batman #41, but say this is one of those stories that "changes all the pieces on the table."

"The character we're putting under the cowl never expected it, never saw it coming and never set out to be Batman," Snyder said. "It comes out of left field, and he realizes that he's the only one that can make it make sense."

Wayne ends his run as Batman following a climactic battle with his archenemy the Joker in the appropriately named storyline Endgame, but it doesn't mean he's gone for good, said Snyder (he has relinquished his role as Batman twice before).

"He might not be under the cowl when the story starts but his presence will be a big part of the story and shape it," Snyder said.

Batman is one of the most enduring comic book superheroes, star of a long-running comic book, television series and movies — with the Superman v Batman: Dawn of Justice movie scheduled for next year.

Any kind of change to the character's mythos can be risky. But Snyder and Capullo — who designed the new armour — say their intention is to inject new interest into the Dark Knight comic books by putting a new person into the role.

"It gives us a chance to see Batman from this incredibly different angle," said Snyder, who has worked on the comic book with Capullo for four years.

The change in Batman is one of many going on in comic books recently, with Marvel recasting a version of Spider-Man as a multi-racial teenager and Thor as a woman, and DC Comics reimaging icons like Superman and Wonder Woman during a company-wide reboot.

This all comes as comic book superheroes are the focus of Hollywood blockbuster movies like Avengers: Age of Ultron, opening this week, or TV's Gotham, which tells the story of a young Bruce Wayne.

The new Batman wears a manga-inspired suit of armour, Capullo said, in addition to another uniform underneath that's used when armour may be too bulky.

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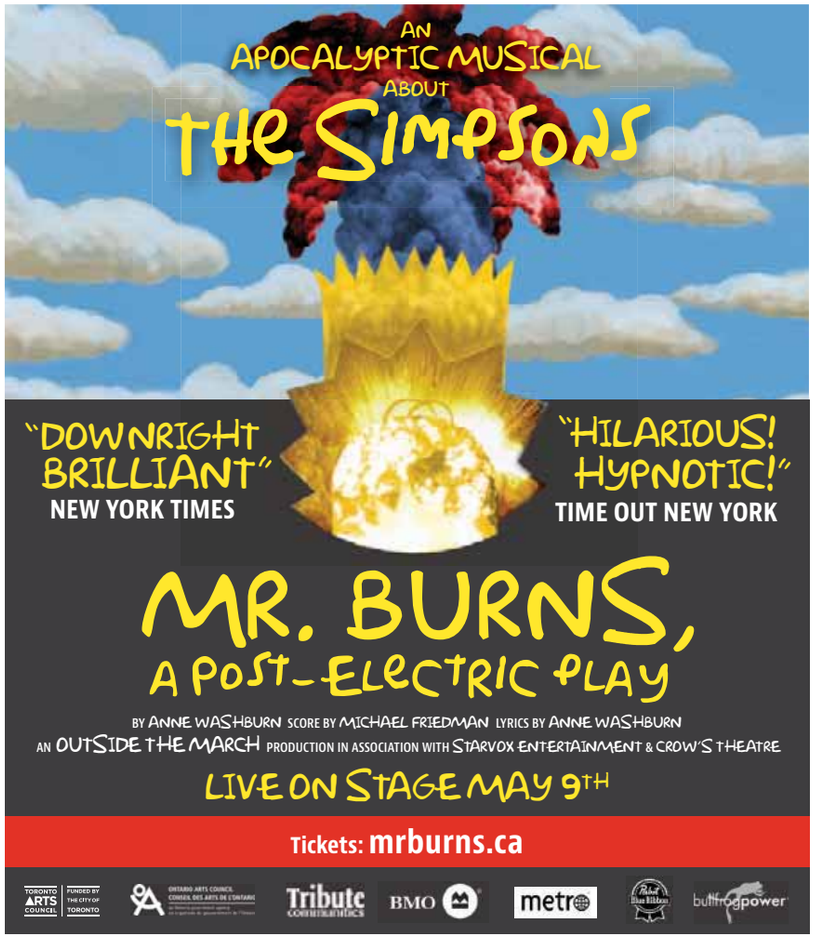
ROCK ICON

Billy Corgan to write wrestling storylines

Smashing Pumpkins frontman Billy Corgan was this week named senior producer of a professional wrestling program and said he would try to push boundaries on cultural issues. The alternative rock icon will develop characters and write storylines for Impact Wrestling, a weekly television show that airs on the channel Destination America. Corgan is a lifelong fan of professional wrestling, which employs staged fights for theatrical television programming, and in 2011 founded a promotion company for bouts in his native Chicago. AFP

Billy Corgan. GETTY IMAGES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Canada's dining scene is sizzling

JOËL ROBUCHON

Superstar French chef picks Montreal for his new restaurant

A table at La Grande maison in Bordeaux, France, a collaboration between Robuchon and French wine producer Bernard Magrez. NICOLAS TUCAT/AFP/GETTY

French chef titan Joël Robuchon, who boasts bragging rights to holding the most Michelin stars in the world, has become the latest culinary superstar to set his sights on Canada with the opening of a new restaurant in Montreal.

After Paris, London, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Las Vegas and Singapore, Robuchon has announced plans to open his first Canadian outpost of L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon at the Casino de Montreal.

Citing the city's burgeoning culinary landscape, Robuchon said in a statement that he'd been planning the opening for some time. The Montreal restaurant is set to open its doors in spring of 2016.

In recent years, culinary heavyweights have woken up to Canada's dynamic dining scene and increasingly sophisticated palate.

British food TV star Jamie Oliver, for instance, has chosen Toronto to be his first North American restaurant location. Jamie's Italian is set to open this year at Yorkdale Shopping Centre, a major retail complex.

In 2012, Michelin-starred chef Daniel Boulud opened his first Canadian eatery at the Four Seasons in Toronto, while one of New York's favourite young chefs, David Chang, brought his Momofuku empire to the city in the same year.

Meanwhile, the arrival of several high-profile, elite chefs in Canada could help bring the country out of culinary anonymity.

The reverential red book, the Michelin guide, sends no inspectors to the country, which is also snubbed by the World's 50 Best Restaurants list, a ranking that aims to capture the zeitgeist of the gastronomic world.

To fill the void, local food experts chimed in to create their own domestic ranking, Canada's 100 Best Restaurants, which was published this spring. Topping the list is Toqué! in Montreal.

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NO PRESSURE

Drew not having this baby weight nonsense

Two-time mom and longtime actress Drew Barrymore has had it up to here with the focus on how quickly new Hollywood moms can drop the old baby weight.

"It takes nine months to build, and it is going to take at least nine months to unbuild. It took a year for me to snap back, and I am not even there yet," she tells Radar Online. "These pressures are just silly and ridiculous. It think it is just crazy to worry about that."

So, you know, stop making everybody look bad, Blake Lively and Zoe Saldana. Sheesh.

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SEQUEL

Bieber hones his Blue Steel for Zoolander 2

Ben Stiller confirmed a big cameo on Instagram. CONTRIBUTED

I was really getting excited about the upcoming Zoolander sequel, but now? I don't know. Ben Stiller confirmed via an Instagram pose-off that Justin Bieber will be making a cameo in the film.

And while no details were provided about his character, I can't help but notice a striking resemblance between the two. And, you know, Derek Zoolander did have an infant son at the end of the first film — one with some Blue Steel talents of his own. Bieber could totally pass for 15, right? Except that role is already taken by actual teenager Cyrus Arnold. So maybe Papa Zoolander has another, slightly older son he wasn't previously aware of?

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THE 'ULTIMATE ORGANIC ICE CREAM,' TAKING TINSELTOWN TO TASK

Got breast milk? Why yes, this ice cream does

As the world stands by for the birth of Prince George's little sibling, a breastfeeding crusader and an ice cream maker are hoping to titillate taste buds with a new breast milk-flavoured dessert.

Pitched as the "ultimate organic ice cream," Royal Baby Gaga, produced by London-based ice creamery The Licktators, is being relaunched to coincide with the birth.

The ice cream is made with donated breast milk, which producers say is screened in line with hospital standards, and blended with Madagascan vanilla. Campaigner Victoria Hiley, 30, is aiming to promote the health benefits of breast milk and destigmatize the act of breastfeeding in public. AFP

Kristen Stewart slams 'disgustingly sexist' Hollywood

Former Twilight star Kristen Stewart is speaking out about the institutionalized sexism in the entertainment industry, telling Harper's Bazaar U.K. that "women inevitably have to work a little bit harder to be heard. Hollywood is disgustingly sexist. It's crazy. It's so offensive, it's crazy."

And that's not all she has a problem with. Stewart also takes issue with people who see fame as a career goal. "Fame is the worst thing in the world. Especially if it's pointless," she says. "When people say, 'I want to be famous' — why? You don't do anything." NED EHRBAR/METRO

Alba is all business — deal with it

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CORPORATE STYLE

Honest Co. actress says she's made people cry

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In Hollywood

You don't build a $1-billion company without bruising a few egos. When Jessica Alba branched out into the business world with the Honest Company, she admits she may have approached things a bit too aggressively.

"Sometimes, I'm a little more iron fist than velvet glove. I'm straight to the point. I've made people cry," Alba tells MORE magazine about her leadership style. "I have to say, 'This isn't personal. This is what needs to get done and it's just as simple as that. And … we're not crying anymore.'"

But no one likes tears in a corporate setting, right? "I'm learning to tone myself down," says Alba, who also admits in the interview that her mother calls her "a workaholic control freak." Careful, mom, or she'll make you cry, too.

Speaking of potentially contentious parent-child relationships, the interviewer quizzes Alba on what effect having two successful careers has on the development of her two children.

"You don't really know how (your career) is affecting (your kids) until they're adults and they say, 'You ruined my life, Mom!'" she offers. "Maybe they want me to be a stay-at-home mother who bakes chocolate-chip muffins all day. (But) I'd probably want to start a chocolate-chip muffin company, you know?"

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Smart communities take off

INFRASTRUCTURE

Super speedy Internet to serve condos on waterfront

CONDO TRENDS
Duncan McAllister

What do the Pan Am Games, waterfront condos and high-speed Internet have in common? They're all part of Waterfront Toronto's Intelligent Communities venture.

Toronto's waterfront has been recognized globally as a leading 21st-century community, interconnected by a super-high-speed broadband infrastructure that will serve the needs of the 2015 Pan Am Games, as well as Dream Unlimited's Canary District and Tridel's Aqualina condo towers.

Recent blockbuster announcements — such as Daniels' Waterfront City of The Arts, and Menkes' Waterfront Innovation Centre — put Toronto at the forefront of the world's intelligent cities. These knowledge-based, live-work communities will be geared specifically to the creative and technology sectors, relying on the information highway to enable all manner of commercial, educational and community services.

The Waterfront in Toronto (above) is expected to create 40,000 new jobs focused on knowledge industries. The Canary Park condos (below right) are serviced by an ultra-high speed digital network and will be home to the athletes of the 2015 Pan Am and Parapan American Games.

In 2011, Waterfront Toronto selected Toronto-based Beanfield Metroconnect to build and operate an Intelligent Community Network serving the West Don Lands and East Bayside neighbourhoods.

In a world of bandwidth-hungry games and apps, and the advent of 4K television, the future of entertainment will require an infrastructure that's able to keep pace. Every condominium unit and commercial building on the waterfront will be connected to the gigabit Internet network from Day 1.

Robert Bell is the co-founder of the Intelligent Community Forum (ICF), a unique global enterprise that focuses on urban broadband, information technology and land use planning. Every year, ICF compares international cities that represent models of economic and social transformation. The seven highest-ranking candidates are named as ICF's Top 7 Intelligent Communities.

From these seven entries, the company names the Intelligent Community of the Year at its annual Building the Broadband Economy summit in New York City, a coveted award Toronto won for 2014.

"Regions have to work deliberately to prepare themselves for this world
Robert Bell

"Canada has been a thought leader in this field since the 1990s," says Bell.

Smart cities are all about saving money and delivering better services, but not every smart city is an intelligent community, says Bell.

"Local municipalities and regions have to work deliberately to prepare themselves for this world. They've got to figure out what industries they can succeed in. They've got to train their people to work in those industries and they have to relentlessly make their businesses and governments innovative."

ICF's focus is centred around digital and physical infrastructure and the future of cities.

"We believe that we detected a trend, which is that broadband and information technology are going to be transformative economically, socially and in many other ways," adds Bell.

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Space, shops mark Trafalgar Ridge

Project overview

Here's a spacious and affordable alternative for growing families. Dunpar Homes' new 120-unit condominium townhome community in Oakville provides three bedrooms with plenty of functional living space in a variety of luxury finishes, a two-car garage and community landscaping.

Building amenities

The open-concept design features an exterior walkout onto a wooden deck with sliding patio doors from the kitchen. There's a gas fireplace surrounded with natural limestone, hardwood floors and stainless steel appliances, with granite and marble countertops in the kitchen and bathrooms.

Location and transit

The building is conveniently located on the corner of Trafalgar Road and Dundas Street West, across from the Oak Park Plaza. The Milton and Oakville GO bus routes are right outside, and drivers can connect to the Queen Elizabeth Way, Highway 407 and the nearby Oakville GO station.

In the neighbourhood

With three major shopping centres nearby, residents will have plenty of shopping, dining and entertainment choices, from big box stores, to The Keg, Longo's and an LCBO. There's plenty of green space, trails, parks and golf courses, and it's within walking distance to Sheridan College.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

What: Trafalgar Ridge
Builder: Dunpar Homes
Architect: Dunpar Homes
Interiors: Dunpar Homes
Location: Trafalgar Road and Dundas Street West in Oakville
Building: 120 condo townhomes on 15-foot and 16-foot lots
Sizes: From 1,940 to 2,600 sq. ft.
Pricing: From the high $500,000s to the high $800,000s
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Status: Pre-registration
Occupancy: Summer 2016
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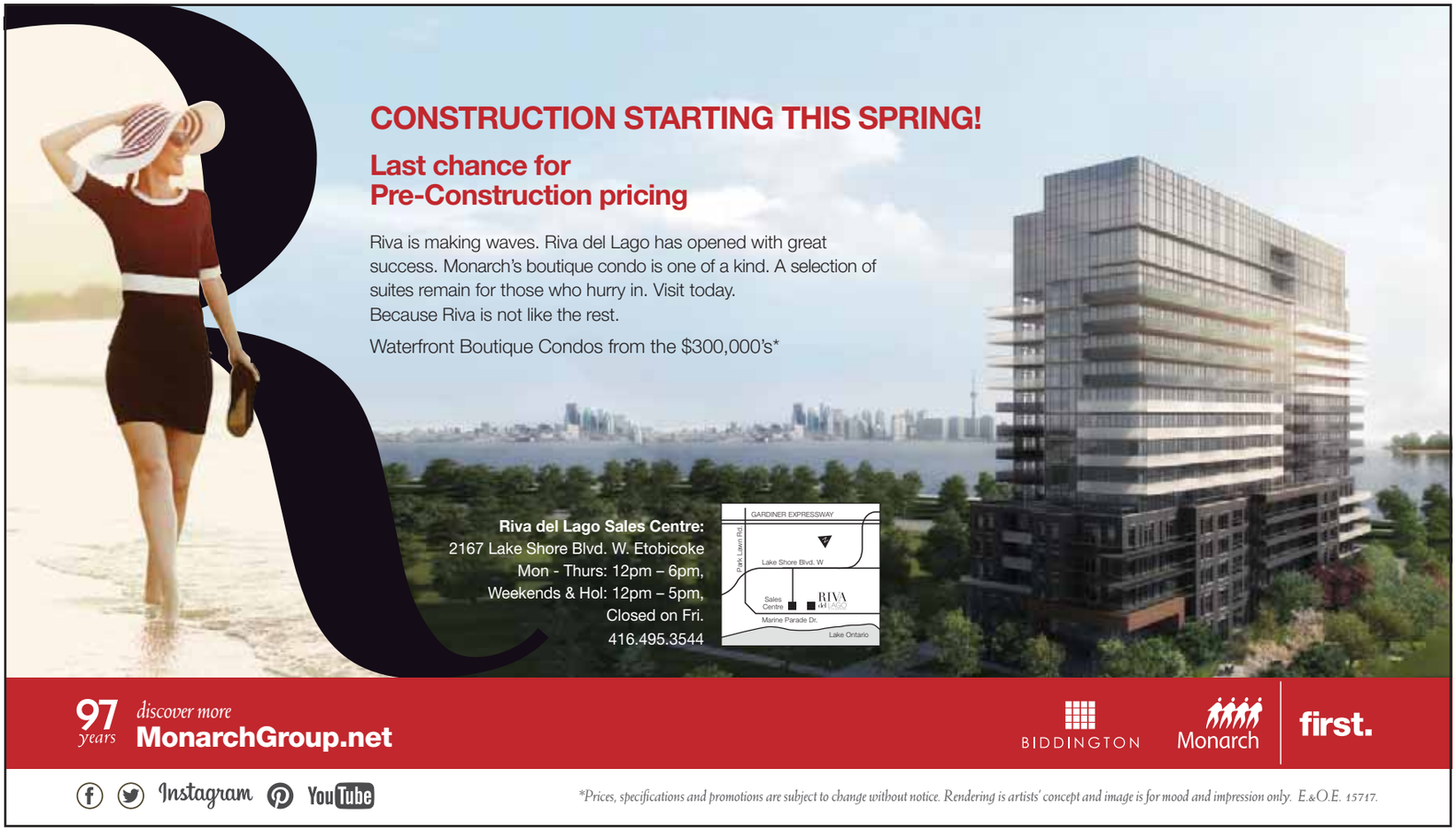
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Mattamy Homes wins big at awards

Bryan Tuckey

On the last Friday of April each year, members of the GTA's building and development industry take a night off to celebrate city-building at the annual BILD Awards.

The 35th annual BILD Awards held April 24 recognized some of the GTA's best new communities, as well as the people who helped create them, in 46 unique categories. This year's competition saw close to 1,000 submissions, which were evaluated by a panel of international judges.

Mattamy Homes took home the evening's biggest award — Home Builder of the Year — for the second year in a row. This is the sixth time Mattamy has received this honour.

The Home Builder of the Year award recognizes the builder who sets the standard for the rest of the industry by its leadership in improving the overall image of building and development in the GTA. Each nominee is required to submit a list of 75 recent home occupants asked to submit a customer satisfaction survey — a key component in this category's judging process.

More winners

Canderel Residential Inc. won the High-Rise Project of the Year award for YC Condos — a 66-storey condominium in downtown Toronto.

The awards ceremony also unveiled the recipient of the People's Choice Award. This award offered industry professionals and the general public the chance to vote for their favourite project in the GTA, garnering more than 85,000 votes. The Academy, a new condominium in Toronto's east end by LeMine Investment Group and Devron Developments, emerged as the People's Choice.

In a special presentation, Colin J. Parsons received the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award. The award is the highest honour presented by BILD, recognizing and celebrating excellence within the building and development industry. Parsons served as the association's president in 1978, and I felt privileged to present him with this award recognizing his lifetime of achievement.

I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the winners on their achievements and thank them for their commitment to building quality, complete communities across the region.

For a complete list of award recipients, visit www.bildawards.com.

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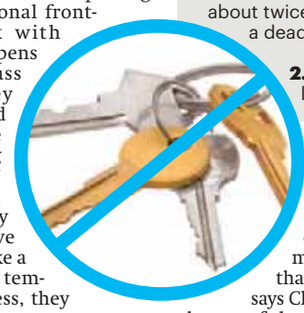
Code entry spells bye for lost keys

TECHNOLOGY

'Smart locks' require phones or passcodes

When Christy and Joe Affrunti bought their Long Island, N.Y., house last year, one of their first projects was replacing the traditional front-door lock with one that opens using a pass code. They were tired of the hassle of "jiggling with a key."



Now, when they need to give someone like a repairman temporary access, they can provide a temporary access code. They share their permanent code with friends; those who arrive at the house before they do, for instance, can "come in and be comfortable instead of sitting in their car," Christy Affrunti says.

"And when we feel too many people have the code, we create a new one and start again," she says. "It's perfect."

High-tech door locks — typically controlled by keypads, phone apps or even the swipe of a finger — could be pushing house keys into oblivion after centuries of trusty service.

"For homeowners, being free from having to carry a key every time they go outside is a lot more liberating than you realize," says Christopher DeSchamp, of the lock company Schlage.

Many lock companies are ramping up their electronic-lock offerings in response to consumer interest.

"People are expecting connectivity and 24/7 accessibility," says Keith Brandon, Kwikset's director of residential access solutions. "Smart locks of whatever variety are becoming more what people are expecting and are interested in."

Michael Tierney, standards co-ordinator for the Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association, which certifies home products, says keyless locks are also safe.

"Keyless locks have been in the marketplace for some time now — stand-alone units for decades, and the connected products for more than 10 years — and have been proven to be safe and reliable," he says.

But choose wisely. Tierney recommends buying only from manufacturers that follow industry standards for security. Protect any passwords connected to the devices, and change batteries as needed.

Schlage has a "kick" sensor that warns customers when someone is trying to break in, DeSchamp says.

Going keyless doesn't totally eliminate the possibility of getting locked out, either.

DeSchamp says his company offers call-in technical assistance to those who have "lost" their digital keys.

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THE NEW DOOR LOCKS

Today's smart locks fit into three categories

1. The most basic are opened by pushing a button or keypads. More sophisticated models allow homeowners to change codes or relegate them to particular users. Entry-level locks cost roughly $70 — about twice as much as a deadbolt.

2. Other keyless locks are operated by phones, either using push-button pads, an app or simply holding a connected phone near the lock. Although it looks like a traditional lock, Kwikset's Kevo is opened with a swipe of the finger.

3. Then there are locks that operate as part of larger "smart home" systems, from home-security systems to thermostats.

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ADVICE

Residency key to rebate claim

LEGAL MATTERS

Jeffrey Cowan

Q: I have recently purchased a condo that I am not living in but my sister 'moved into.' On final closing, the builder and its lawyer questioned if my sister was actually residing there. They required that we provide proof she had moved in. My aunt and uncle were actually living there and my sister was still at my parents'. The issue at hand was that we wanted to claim the HST rebate on new homes and the builder was being very problematic and aggressive about the proof. The HST rebate represented $24,000 we did not have to pay the builder and we were furious our lawyer wasn't able to get them to agree with this. We had to close without the rebate and now we need to apply for that rebate from CRA which is going to take time and energy. How could we have avoided this?

A: Non-resident purchasers of condos are naturally assumed to not take possession of the condo and are purchasing it normally as an investment to either sell quickly or rent out. This means you are not eligible for the rebate. The problem lies in that a lot of investors over the past few years have basically lied (to their lawyers under oath) and said they were taking possession of the condo to get the rebate and now the government has clued in to this fraud. It checks to see if the unit is occupied by a close family member with regards to properly claiming the rebate. Furthermore, the CRA (Canada Revenue Agency) has found that the builder's lawyers need to police this occupancy status. In your case, your aunt and uncle do not qualify as eligible close family so if they were living in the condo during your occupancy then you cannot claim the rebate. If it is your sister, then you should have proof of this and you can apply after the closing. Really, your lawyer is your representative but I will tell you there are a number of my clients who have been caught fraudulently claiming the rebate. We are not here for our unscrupulous clients to perpetrate fraud with the federal tax authority. If you qualify, you will eventually get the rebate.

That '70s style: Era comes back

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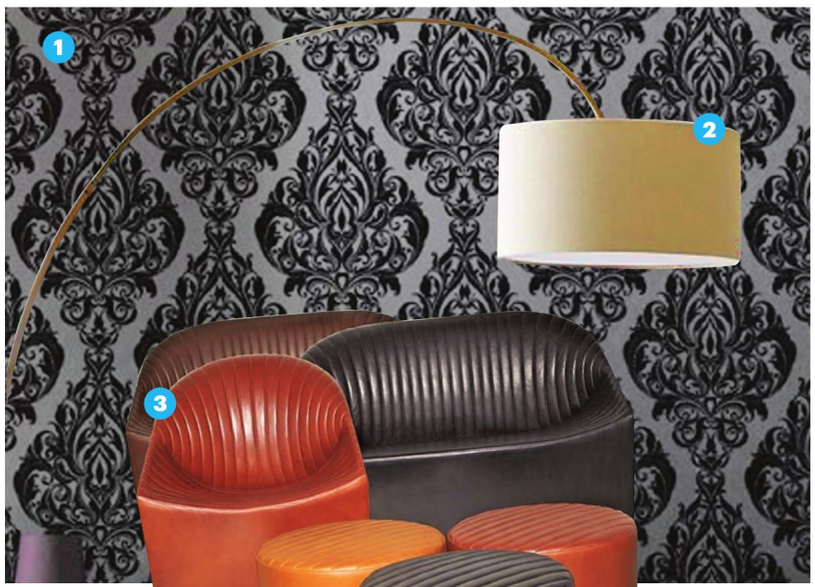

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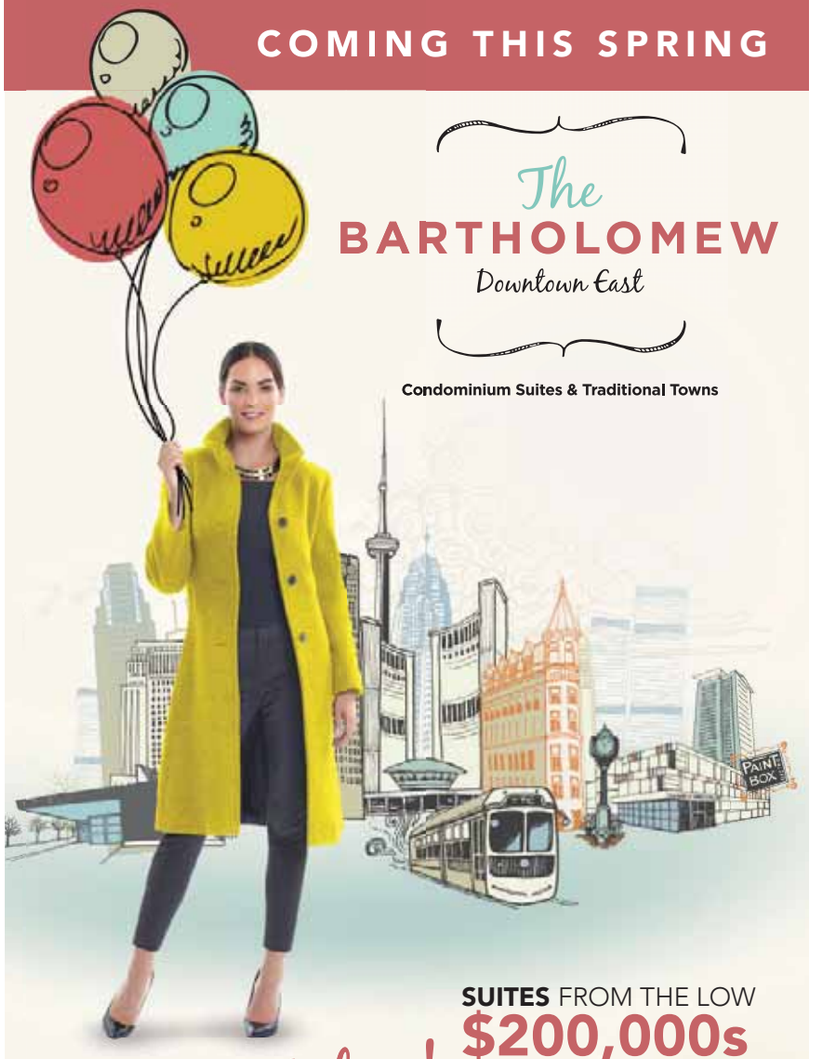

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Kitsch shows its cool factor

TRENDS

Eye-catching colours and shapes show retro spirit

Between flashy colours, bold shapes and mass-produced materials, the kitsch furniture trend combines a touch of retro style with unbridled exuberance.

Shimmer

For Glas Italia, Spanish designer Patricia Urquiola has created the Shimmer line, which includes coffee tables, shelves and mirrors with an iridescent multi-chromatic finish.

Available in opaque or transparent glass, the pieces change color depending on the viewing angle and surrounding light sources (pricing available on request).

Memphis

Founded in the 1980s by Italian designer Ettore Sottsass, the Memphis Movement emphasized radically colourful and festive designs, representing a radical departure from the rigorous minimalism of the Bauhaus tradition.

At the Milan Furniture Fair, Kartell paid tribute to Ettore Sottsass through an exhibit and announced it would produce a series of his designs — including stools, a vase and a lamp — all characterized by geometric shapes and flashy colours (pricing available on request).

Glider

For Moroso, Israeli designer and architect Ron Arad designed the Glider, a rounded sofa made from a single piece of sculpted foam and upholstered in red-to-purple gradient fabric for an out-of-this-world appearance (pricing available on request).

Gemma

Also for Moroso, Polish-American architect Daniel Libeskind designed the Gemma armchair, a multi-faceted object that calls to mind a gemstone, or the geometrical shapes seen in the tapestries of the 15th century (pricing available on request).

Mondrian-inspired seating

Dutch designer Marcel Wanders designed an armchair in red, blue, yellow and white foam for the design brand Moooi. With its black outlines, the chair calls to mind the work of the Dutch painter Piet Mondrian (pricing available on request).

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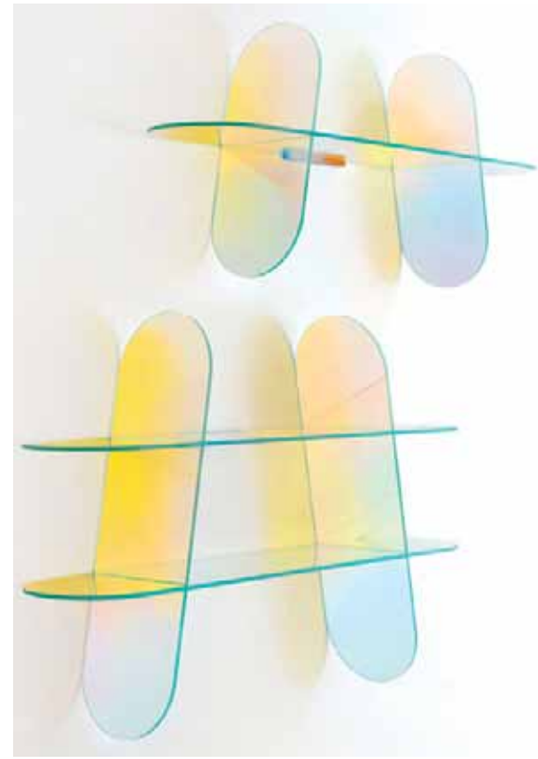

Shelves from the Shimmer collection by Patricia Urquiola for Glas Italia. GLAS ITALIA

The Colonna and Pilastre stools and Calice vase by Ettore Sottsass, produced by Kartell. KARTELL

Taking your garden plants on the road

GREEN THUMB

Portable plant ideas include containers, grow bags

People on the move often spurn gardening as a hobby because they have to leave their plants behind. But new innovations and creative ideas are making planters portable and easy to transfer from one location to another.

They store easily and work well for tight spaces, too. Adaptable and flexible planters with wheels, handles or other movable parts fit these needs, as do lightweight, durable products, said Susan McCoy, founder of Garden Media Group in Kennett Square, Penn. Or think modular containers that fit together and come apart, such as LEGOs.

> **Portable gardening gives everyone a chance to grow something.**
> Susan McCoy

"They're extremely versatile and can be used indoors or outdoors, individually or in multiples, on tabletops or hanging on a wall, and can be expanded as enthusiasm for gardening grows," McCoy said.

The new products are aimed at "those who prize freedom over home ownership," she said, including retirees and empty nesters, as well as young people who haven't settled down.

They "can barely commit to a single place, let alone a permanent plot of land," McCoy said.

"Portable gardening gives everyone a chance to grow something, no matter where you live. And it's fun to see gardens pop up in the most unexpected places."

Movable planters are excellent for raised beds, which make gardening more accessible, particularly for those who don't like bending over or have physical limitations.

"We push grow bags as great for apartment living, as they store well and you can take them with you if you're not in permanent housing," said Maree Gaetani, a spokeswoman for Gardener's Supply Co. in Burlington, Vt.

Millennials in particular (those age 18 to 35) are showing interest in portable gardening, including on a roof, deck or patio, Gaetani said.

Mobile planter ideas

Many kinds of containers can be converted into portable planters, from wheelbarrows to milk cans to bushel baskets. Other examples? Hard-sided suitcases, little red wagons, coal scuttles, recycled shopping carts, discarded tricycles and bicycles. All can be moved cross-country, across town or simply shifted from one side of the patio to another to follow the sun.

Keep your eyes open and creative juices flowing when shopping for inexpensive items at craft shops, antique stores and yard sales.

Portable home gardens also can be carried indoors when the season turns cold or when threatening weather is forecast.

"We're finding that across ages and incomes, people want to grow their own, even if they only have a small space and may be at a transient point in their lives," Gaetani said. "This is where aging baby boomers and younger gardeners intersect."

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Old hard-sided suitcases make innovative plant beds. DEAN FOSICK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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IN BRIEF

Impact fall short in Champions League final

Dario Benedetto scored three goals and Oribe Peralta added another as Club America of Mexico ended the Montreal Impact's CONCACAF Champions League dream with a 4-2 victory on Wednesday night at Olympic Stadium.

Club America, after a 1-1 draw in the first leg last week, won the two-game aggregate goals final 5-3. They will take part in the Club World Cup in Japan in December.

Montreal was the first Canadian team to reach the Champions League final.

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Hawks regain series lead over plucky Nets

Al Horford and Jeff Teague scored 20 points apiece, helping the top-seeded Atlanta Hawks hold off the Brooklyn Nets 107-97 Wednesday night for a 3-2 lead in an NBA playoff series that's closer than anyone envisioned.

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Source confirms Wiggins will be rookie of the year

Andrew Wiggins started his NBA career at the front of his rookie class. He finished his first season there, too.

The Minnesota Timberwolves' forward from Vaughan will be named rookie of the year Thursday, a person with knowledge of the announcement said.

Wiggins averaged 16.9 points and 4.6 rebounds while playing all 82 games as a rookie and averaged 39 minutes per game.

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Lightning eke out Game 7 win over Red Wings

Braydon Coburn broke a scoreless tie early in the third period and Ben Bishop made 31 saves to help the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Detroit Red Wings 2-0 on Wednesday night in Game 7 of the first-round series.

Tampa Bay, which rallied from a 3-2 series deficit, advanced to the Eastern Conference semifinals against Montreal. The Canadiens host Game 1 on Friday night.

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We all know everything the city is going through.... You have to go out there and do something that would be good for the fans.
Orioles starter Ubaldo Jimenez
It was just a surreal environment. I really don't think we want to play in another one like this. I don't think they do, either."
White Sox manager Robin Ventura

MLB O'S, WHITE SOX PLAY INTO THE VOID AT CAMDEN YARDS The cheers from the small group of Orioles fans gathered outside the locked gates beyond centre field echoed throughout an empty Camden Yards every time the home team scored a run. There was no roar of the crowd inside the ballpark. In what was believed to be the first major league game played without fans in attendance, Chris Davis hit a three-run homer in a six-run first inning Wednesday and the O's beat the Chicago White Sox 8-2. The game was closed due to safety concerns following the recent violence in Baltimore after Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old black man, died of a spinal-cord injury under mysterious circumstances in police custody. PATRICK SMITH/GETTY IMAGES

Red Sox staff heats up vs. Jays

MLB

Starter Porcello proves stingy, allows just one run to Toronto

FENWAY Wednesday

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RED SOX	BLUE JAYS

Hanley Ramirez capped off a strong April. Better yet, Rick Porcello gave Boston's beleaguered pitching staff a boost.

Ramirez hit a two-run homer, Porcello held Toronto to one run over seven innings and the Red Sox beat the Blue Jays 4-1 on Wednesday night.

"He gave us exactly what we needed, seven strong innings," Boston manager John Farrell said. "As much as we talked about starters setting the tone, Rick did exactly that tonight."

David Ortiz and Mookie Betts had RBI singles for the Red Sox, who took the three-game series after losing their previous two.

Porcello (2-2) held the Blue Jays down one night after they put up 17 hits in an 11-8 win. He allowed two hits, struck out six and walked two in his best effort since joining the Red Sox.

Boston's starters entered the day with a 6.03 ERA, highest in the majors.

Ramirez tied David Ortiz for the club record for homers before May 1. Ortiz did it in 2006 when he finished with a career-best 54.

R.A. Dickey (0-3) allowed four runs and nine hits, striking out four without walking a batter in seven innings. He was 4-0 against Boston last season.

"It was pretty consistent tonight," Dickey said of the knuckleball, his signature pitch. "I threw a lot of good ones. My velocities were good. I made a mistake to Hanley, 0-2, and it cost us. But outside of that I felt like I was pretty on point for most of the night."

Up next for the Jays, Daniel Norris (1-1, 4.43 ERA) faces the Indians' T.J. House (0-3, 12.60) on Thursday when Toronto opens a four-game series in Cleveland.

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Blue Jays starter R.A. Dickey reacts after Hanley Ramirez's two-run homer in the third inning on Wednesday at Fenway Park. MADDIE MEYER/GETTY IMAGES

Big paydays win, lose or draw

BOXING

Money is front and centre in Mayweather-Pacquiao fight

His middle name is Money, or at least it used to be before Floyd Mayweather Jr. stopped flashing $100,000 wads of cash every time he saw a camera.

That doesn't mean money is ever very far from his mind. Certainly not now, when he's the richest man in the richest fight ever.

Mayweather has spent as much time this week talking about the mansion in Las Vegas, the home in Miami and the private jet that seats 14 than he has about Manny Pacquiao. He even figured out the math when it comes to dividing it up among his kids.

"Let's say I make $200 million," Mayweather said.

"That means my kids for this fight will get $50 million apiece. I think I made a smart move."

Indeed, Mayweather proved a smart businessman in signing for a fight that will likely earn him $180 million or more. But the smartest thing he may have done was delay Saturday's fight five years so it would be must-see TV, even at a record price of $99.95.

"At the end of the day my daughter can't eat no zero."
Floyd Mayweather Jr. on his unbeaten record (47-0)

"Five years ago this was a $50 million fight for me," Mayweather said, "and a $20 million fight for him."

The frenzy for the boxing's biggest event of the century continued to build Wednesday, even if the two fighters themselves were very subdued. They appeared at a final prefight press conference with nothing bad to say about each other, and couldn't even bring themselves to scowl for pictures.

If the past five years were personal, with the two camps trading barbs, the fight itself is not. Pacquiao will be fighting for his legacy and a country desperate for him to win, while Mayweather will be fighting to add to his already substantial bank accounts.

Mayweather won't be the only one getting rich. Pacquiao will also share in the $120 million or so his side will pocket for the fight, beginning with a $25-million cheque from promoter Bob Arum the night of the fight. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Floyd Mayweather Jr., left, and Manny Pacquiao couldn't be brought to scowls for photos at a news conference on Wednesday in Las Vegas. JOHN LOCHER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Serving size: 4

Ingredients
- 4 oz boneless chicken breast (about 1 breast)
- 12 oz tortellini
- 1/3 cup pesto
- 2 Tbsp grated Parmesan cheese

Directions

1. In a small, nonstick skillet lightly coated with cooking spray, add the chicken and sauté for 4 minutes per side or just until no longer pink. Let cool, then dice.

2. Meanwhile, boil the tortellini for 8 minutes or until just tender. Drain and place in a serving bowl. Add the chicken, pesto and Parmesan cheese and toss well.

Nutrition information per serving
- Calories 354
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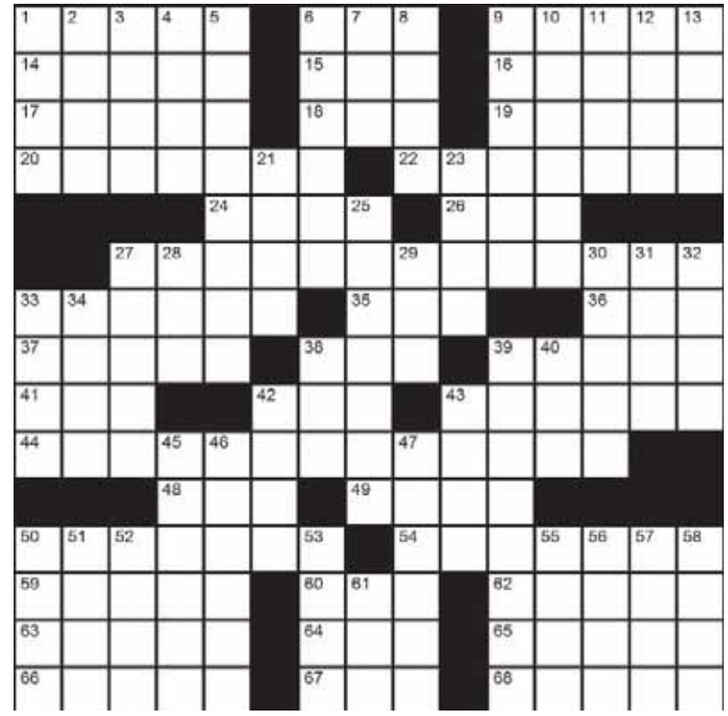

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11. Idea: French
12. Wedding guests compilation
13. The __ Coast
21. Belonging to Toronto's li'l province
23. Other: Spanish
25. Some catering staff
27. General
28. Nav. designation
29. TTFN
30. Fortunate
31. Biblical twin
32. Puppy's protest!
33. Fashion designer Elie
34. Moon goddess
38. 'Ranch' suffix
39. Nia __, Canadian writer/star of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" (2002)
40. Libran's mo.
42. Montreal pronoun
43. Grand event
45. Heralded
46. _-__ (Online brokerage company)
47. Andy†Warhol's realm: 2 wds.
50. Getting from _ __ _ (First step's progress)
51. Evening: French
52. Dog with a cord-like coat
53. Proofreading term
55. Tide type
56. Decorator Mr. Berkus
57. __-steven
58. Inactivity
61. Water: French

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
A problem will most likely resolve itself if you stop worrying about it so much. Mercury's imminent change of sign will help you to focus your thoughts on more constructive issues.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You have come a long way in a short space of time and will go even further over the next few weeks. But first make sure you are still on the right track. Don't lose sight of your long-term goals.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Your ruler Mercury moves into your sign tomorrow and within a matter of hours you will feel the difference in a number of ways. Put the past behind you once and for all and focus only on the bright days to come, of which there will be many.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
No matter what happens today you must remember at all times and in all situations that you are not a victim. You alone have the power to change things for the better. Be positive at every turn.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
For too long now you have been worrying about your career, your reputation and your place in the world and neglecting the things that bring you happiness, such as friends and family and travel. It's time to restore a more sensible balance.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Career matters will take a turn for the better over the next few days but to make the most of events you will need a positive attitude. Get rid of those feelings of inferiority.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Despite what some people might believe you rarely think only of yourself and you will get the chance to prove it over the next two or three days. You are at your best when fighting on the side of truth and justice. But always fight fair.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may resent having to pay for something that you feel is yours by right but don't make an issue of it. If you manage to change things you may find others deny you in other ways out of spite.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A dispute of some kind will come to the boil over the next few days but in a way that's good because all these negative feelings are not doing you any favours. Once the air has cleared you can move on again.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
It is one thing to dream but quite another to turn dreams into reality. Start thinking now about how you can take practical steps to make your current dream come true.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
It does not matter how many things have gone wrong in the past, the things that really matter will start to go right as from tomorrow when mind planet Mercury moves in your favour. Believe that life is worth living – and it will be.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
If you have something important to say you are advised to keep it short and sweet. The people you have to deal with, especially at work, will lose interest quickly if you spin things out too long.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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